

ASSISTANCE DOG SPECIAL ALLOWANCE PROGRAM

FACT SHEET

What?

The Assistance Dog Special Allowance (ADSA) Program provides a monthly payment of \$50 to eligible persons who use a guide, signal, or service dog to help them with their special needs. The allowance is to help pay for the food, grooming, and health care costs of the dogs.

Who?

To be eligible for the ADSA program, an individual must meet all four of the following criteria:



Live in California.



Be blind, deaf/hearing impaired or disabled.



Be using the services of a trained guide, signal, or service dog.



Be receiving either Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) program, or In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program. *Recipients of other public service programs, such as Social Security or Social Security Disability are **not eligible** for the ADSA.*

How?

To obtain an application or more information about the ADSA program, contact the

**California Department of Social Services,
Office of Services to the Blind at (916) 657-2628 V/TDD.**

Applications are available in large print or on a 3.5 IBM compatible floppy disk. Eligibility will be verified and every application either will be approved or denied within thirty days. Eligibility starts the month in which the application is received.

The Laws and Regulations Governing this Program Are:

Welfare and Institutions Code Section 12553 and State Welfare Manual Section 46-430
